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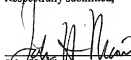
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Applicant encloses a copy of a TORTA Research S.r.l. letter, received in the EPO on February 4, 2006, for Applicant's counterpart European patent application, and citing the four (4) listed documents.

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## U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

Examiner Initials*	Cite No. <sup>1</sup>	Document Number		Publication Date MM-DD-YYYY	Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Document
		Number	Kind Code <sup>3</sup> (if known)		
		US 5,284,165		2/8/1994	Fiorenzo DRAGHETTI
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## FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

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